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WE AGREE WITH WARSAW (REFTEL B) THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO GO OVER THE BASIC EAST-WEST TRADE POLICY ISSUES BEFORE TAKING UP QUESTIONS OF IMPLEMENTATION; UNCLASSIFIED

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AND WOULD THEREFORE FAVOR DEVOTING WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSSION OF THE BASIC ISSUES AND HOW THEY ARE CURRENTLY VIEWED IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND IN THE CONGRESS. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION, PERHAPS ERRONEOUS, THAT INTEREST IN THE DEBT LEVEL CONTINUES TO GROW AND WE WOULD WELCOME PROVISION FOR A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THAT TOPIC ON EAST-WEST TRADE POLICY DAY. A COROLLARY

IS AN EXAMINATION OF THE EAST'S PROSPECTS FOR SERVICING DEBT THROUGH EXPORTS (VIZ "WESTERN IMPORT PROTECTION PROBLEMS" ITEM F, REFTEL A) AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT CONSTELLATION FOR OUR EXPORT PROMOTION EFFORTS. BOLEN

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